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CARGO HANDLING AND STORAGE FACILITIES AT MAJOR PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether cargo handling and storage facilities at the major ports remained lower than the estimated requirement;

(b) whether the utilisation of port equipments was very poor and no proper maintenance facilities existed at the ports;

(c) if so, the ports lacking such facilities have been identified and the remedial measures taken in this regard;

(d) whether the ports have suffered losses on account of poor management of leasing contracts; and

(e) if so, the amount of loss suffered during each of the last two years and the manner in which Government propose to improve the system to check the losses being suffered by the port authorities?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The cargo handling and storage facilities at all major ports is adequate and the low utilisation of cargo handling equipments is not due to lack of maintenance facilities but is due to limited demand from the port users.

(c) Does not arise with regard to (b) above.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.